

## **JUDICIAL**

### **Salary Increase for Judges**

The supplemental budget includes funding for salary increases authorized by the Citizen's Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials in June of 1991 after passage of the 1991-93 budget. A total of \$3.0 million is provided to fund the increased salaries and associated benefits of Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, and Superior Court judges.

### **Indigent Defense**

The state of Washington is constitutionally required to provide indigent persons with legal services when appealing Superior Court convictions to a higher court. To meet the anticipated caseload, an additional \$1.5 million is appropriated, providing a total of \$7.6 million for indigent defense legal services during the 1991-93 biennium.

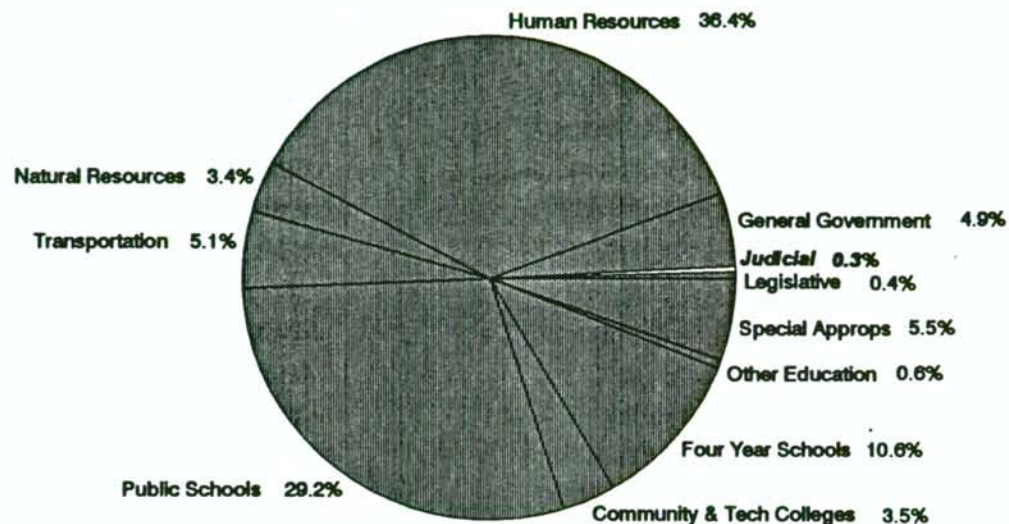
### **New Superior Court Judges**

The Legislature established 17 new superior court judgeships through the passage of Chapter 189, Laws of 1992 (ESHB 2459). The 17 new judgeships will serve King, Skagit, Mason, Grays Harbor, and Snohomish counties. Of the new positions, five are estimated to be co-authorized by the local legislative authority and filled during the 1991-93 biennium. The Administrator for the Courts supplemental budget includes \$345,000 for these five additional positions.

# WASHINGTON STATE 1991-93 OPERATING BUDGET

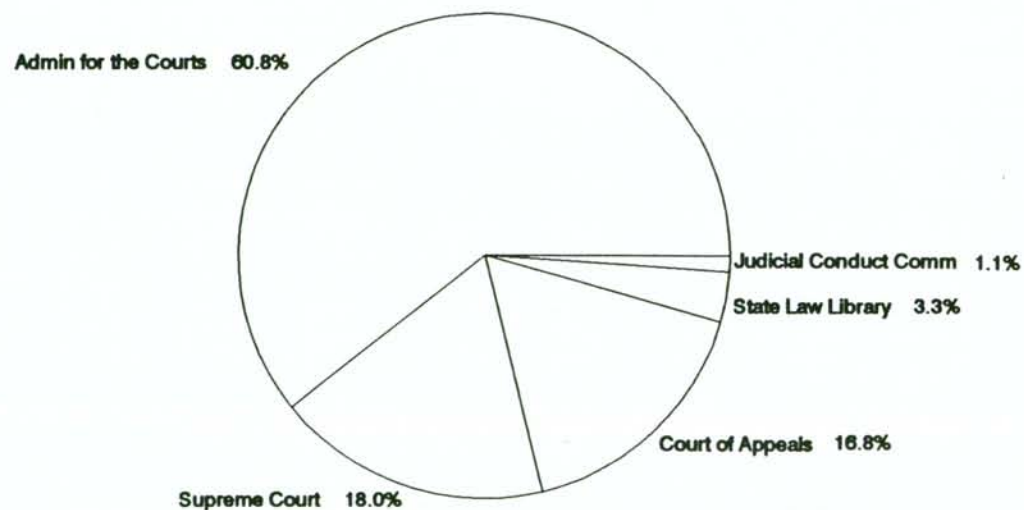
Total Budgeted Funds (\$000)

Legislative	115,399
<b>Judicial</b>	<b>90,648</b>
General Government	1,287,795
Human Resources	9,516,292
Natural Resources	899,450
Transportation	1,340,777
Public Schools	7,630,508
Community & Tech Colleges	921,426
Four Year Schools	2,784,512
Other Education	151,440
Special Appropriations	1,428,506
<b>Statewide Total</b>	<b>26,166,753</b>



**Washington State**

Admin for the Courts	55,089
Supreme Court	16,330
Court of Appeals	15,249
State Law Library	3,025
Judicial Conduct Comm	955
<b>Judicial</b>	<b>90,648</b>

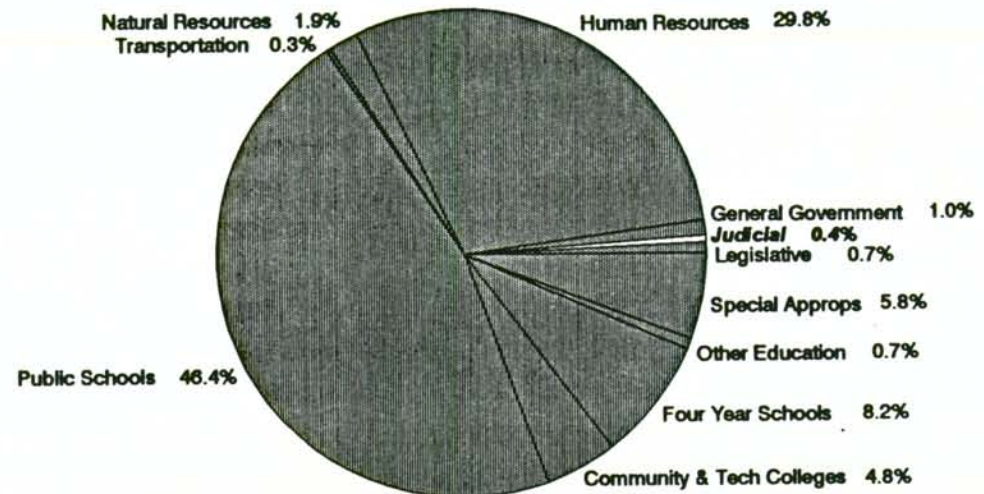


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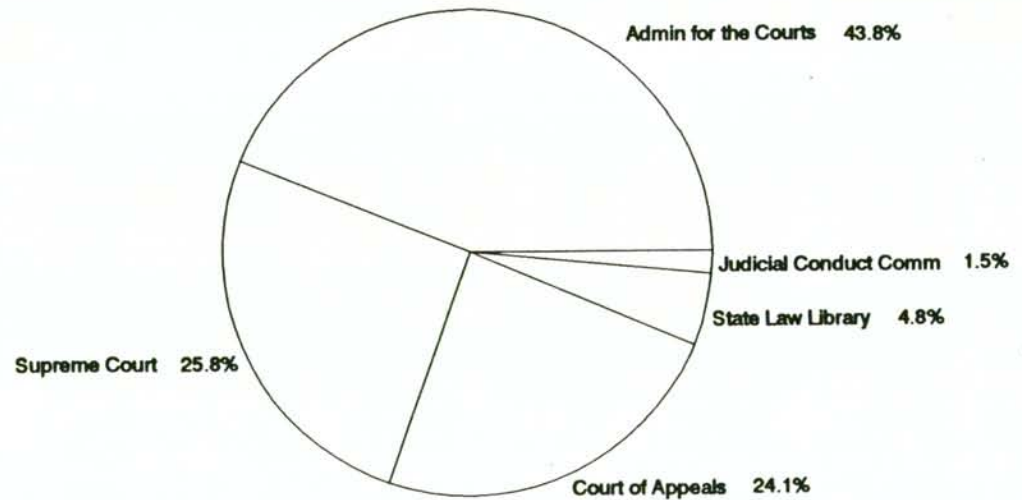
## General Fund-State (\$ 000)

Legislative	108,248
<b>Judicial</b>	<b>63,246</b>
General Government	157,569
Human Resources	4,544,354
Natural Resources	294,075
Transportation	40,776
Public Schools	7,059,063
Community & Tech Colleges	735,024
Four Year Schools	1,242,212
Other Education	105,657
Special Appropriations	877,443
<b>Statewide Total</b>	<b>15,227,667</b>



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Supreme Court	16,330
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State Law Library	3,025
Judicial Conduct Comm	955
<b>Judicial</b>	<b>63,246</b>



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# Redistricting Commission (\$ 000)

	GF-S	OTHER	TOTAL
1989-91 EXPENDITURES	235	0	235
1991-93 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION	888	0	888
1992 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET			
1. 2.5 PERCENT TARGET REDUCTION	(22)	0	(22)
2. ANTICIPATED REVERSION	(70)	0	(70)
3. PRINTING REDUCTION	(2)	0	(2)
SUPPLEMENTAL ITEM TOTAL	(94)	0	(94)
TOTAL 1991-93 BIENNIUM	794	0	794

## Comments:

1. 2.5 PERCENT TARGET REDUCTION – Reduces agency funding to reflect lower than expected expenditures for travel and public hearings.
2. ANTICIPATED REVERSION – The Redistricting Commission expects to complete its mission and cease operations during FY 1992. This reduction reflects the anticipated reversion of unspent funds.
3. PRINTING REDUCTION – Reduces funding for printing costs from the state general fund.

# Supreme Court (\$ 000)

	GF-S	OTHER	TOTAL
1989-91 EXPENDITURES	14,351	0	14,351
1991-93 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION	15,060	0	15,060
1992 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET			
1. ACROSS THE BOARD REDUCTION	(370)	0	(370)
2. JUDGES SALARY INCREASE	256	0	256
3. INDIGENT APPEALS	1,508	0	1,508
4. AGENCY STAFF REDUCTION	(119)	0	(119)
5. REVOLVING FUND REDUCTION	(5)	0	(5)
SUPPLEMENTAL ITEM TOTAL	1,270	0	1,270
TOTAL 1991-93 BIENNIUM	16,330	0	16,330

## Comments:

1. ACROSS THE BOARD REDUCTION – Reduces agency funding for goods, services, and other general operating expenses. In calculating the reduction, Supreme Court Justices' salaries and benefits as well as Indigent Defense costs are excluded given the need to maintain constitutionally mandated court proceedings.
2. JUDGES SALARY INCREASE – Provides funding for salary increases established by the Citizen's Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials. The Commission's recommendations were made in June, 1991 and were not included in the original 1991-93 budget. Salary increases for judges are effective in September, 1991 and 1992.
3. INDIGENT APPEALS – Provides increased funding for indigent defense legal services for the anticipated number of indigent persons appealing Superior Court convictions.
4. AGENCY STAFF REDUCTION – Combined with other staff reductions, provides for at least a 4.5 percent decrease in total agency staffing levels funded by the state general fund. In calculating the reduction, Supreme Court Justice positions are excluded.
5. REVOLVING FUND REDUCTION – Reduces funding for various revolving fund charges.

**State Law Library**  
(\$ 000)

	<u>GF-S</u>	<u>OTHER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<b>1989-91 EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>3,029</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,029</b>
<b>1991-93 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>3,189</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,189</b>
<b>1992 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET</b>			
1. ACROSS THE BOARD REDUCTION	(162)	0	(162)
2. REVOLVING FUND REDUCTION	(2)	0	(2)
SUPPLEMENTAL ITEM TOTAL	(164)	0	(164)
<b>TOTAL 1991-93 BIENNIUM</b>	<b>3,025</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,025</b>

**Comments:**

1. ACROSS THE BOARD REDUCTION - Reduces agency funding for goods, services, and other general operating expenses.
2. REVOLVING FUND REDUCTION - Reduces funding for various revolving fund charges.

**Court of Appeals**  
(\$ 000)

	GF-S	OTHER	TOTAL
<b>1989-91 EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>14,332</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14,332</b>
1991-93 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION	15,620	0	15,620
1992 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET			
1. ACROSS THE BOARD REDUCTION	(634)	0	(634)
2. JUDGES SALARY INCREASE	467	0	467
3. AGENCY STAFF REDUCTION	(200)	0	(200)
4. REVOLVING FUND REDUCTION	(4)	0	(4)
SUPPLEMENTAL ITEM TOTAL	(371)	0	(371)
<b>TOTAL 1991-93 BIENNIUM</b>	<b>15,249</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15,249</b>

**Comments:**

1. ACROSS THE BOARD REDUCTION – Reduces agency funding for goods, services, and other general operating expenses. In calculating the reduction, judges salaries and benefits are excluded given the need to maintain constitutionally mandated court proceedings.
2. JUDGES SALARY INCREASE – Provides funding for salary increases established by the Citizen's Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials. The Commission's recommendations were made in June, 1991 and were not included in the original 1991-93 budget. Salary increases for judges are effective in September, 1991 and 1992.
3. AGENCY STAFF REDUCTION – Combined with other staff reductions, provides for at least a 5 percent decrease in total agency staffing levels funded by the state general fund.
4. REVOLVING FUND REDUCTION – Reduces funding for various revolving fund charges.

**Governor's Vetoes:**

Section 111. The Governor's veto restored the original General Fund – State appropriation providing \$371,000 to be used by the judicial branch in maintaining court services. Under the Supplemental Appropriations Act, the Legislature allows the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals, and Administrator for the Courts to enter into interagency agreements to utilize their state general fund appropriations to make efficient and effective use of available financial resources among the judicial agencies.



# Commission on Judicial Conduct (\$ 000)

	GF-S	OTHER	TOTAL
1989-91 EXPENDITURES	804	0	804
1991-93 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION	955	0	955
1992 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET			
1. SAVINGS NEW DIRECTOR	(25)	0	(25)
2. SUPREME COURT APPEALS COSTS	51	0	51
3. 2.5 PERCENT REDUCTION	(25)	0	(25)
4. REVOLVING FUND REDUCTION	(1)	0	(1)
SUPPLEMENTAL ITEM TOTAL	0	0	0
TOTAL 1991-93 BIENNIUM	955	0	955

## Comments:

1. SAVINGS NEW DIRECTOR - Reduces funding as a result of salary savings from a delay in hiring the new agency director.
2. SUPREME COURT APPEALS COSTS - Provides funding to cover the costs of defending the Commission when judges appeal the Commission's disciplinary actions to the Supreme Court.
3. 2.5 PERCENT REDUCTION - Reduces agency funding for attorney general services.
4. REVOLVING FUND REDUCTION - Reduces funding for various revolving fund charges.



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**(\$ 000)**

	<u>GF-S</u>	<u>OTHER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<b>1989-91 EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>28,558</b>	<b>25,347</b>	<b>53,905</b>
<b>1991-93 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>26,552</b>	<b>28,409</b>	<b>54,961</b>
<b>1992 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET</b>			
1. ACROSS THE BOARD REDUCTION	(519)	0	(519)
2. JUDGES SALARY INCREASES	2,307	0	2,307
3. PUBLIC ACCESS TO JIS	0	200	200
4. ADDITIONAL SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES	345	0	345
5. SHIFT TASC FUND SOURCES	0	0	0
6. ADDITIONAL REDUCTIONS	(400)	(518)	(918)
7. PSEA ACROSS THE BOARD REDUCTION	0	(631)	(631)
8. JURY SOURCE LIST TASK FORCE	10	0	10
9. AGENCY STAFF REDUCTION	(326)	(58)	(384)
10. PRINTING REDUCTION	(21)	0	(21)
11. TRAVEL REDUCTION	(100)	0	(100)
12. EQUIPMENT REDUCTION	(150)	0	(150)
13. REVOLVING FUND REDUCTION	(11)	0	(11)
<b>SUPPLEMENTAL ITEM TOTAL</b>	<b>1,135</b>	<b>(1,007)</b>	<b>128</b>
<b>TOTAL 1991-93 BIENNIUM</b>	<b>27,687</b>	<b>27,402</b>	<b>55,089</b>

**Comments:**

1. ACROSS THE BOARD REDUCTION – Reduces agency funding for goods, services, and other general operating expenses. In calculating the reduction, an adjustment is made to exclude judges salaries and benefits given the need to maintain constitutionally mandated court proceedings.

2. JUDGES SALARY INCREASES – Provides funding for salary increases established by the Citizen's Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials. The

Commission's recommendations were made in June, 1991 and were not included in the original 1991-93 budget. Salary increases for judges are effective in September, 1991 and 1992.

3. PUBLIC ACCESS TO JIS – Appropriates Judicial Information System Revolving funds for services provided to the public in reading court records via computer. The cost of computer time, phone lines, and related computer maintenance is recovered through fees

deposited into the Judicial Information System Revolving Fund.

4. ADDITIONAL SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES – Provides funding for new superior court judge positions established in Chapter 189, Laws of 1992 (ESHB 2459). Seventeen new judgeships are authorized of which five are estimated to be filled in the 1991-93 biennium. The seventeen new positions will serve King, Skagit, Mason, Grays Harbor and Snohomish counties.

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5. **SHIFT TASC FUND SOURCES** – The original 1991–93 budget provides funding for the Treatment Alternatives to Street Crime (TASC) program entirely from the Public Safety and Education Account (PSEA). A shift is made to fund \$850,000 of the program from the State Drug Education and Enforcement Account, reducing the PSEA support by an equal amount.
6. **ADDITIONAL REDUCTIONS** – Reduces general operating expenses supported by the state general fund by \$400,000. An across the board reduction to the Treatment Alternatives to Street Crime (TASC) program is made to address the shortfall in Public Safety and Education Account (PSEA) revenue.
7. **PSEA ACROSS THE BOARD REDUCTION** – A shortfall in Public Safety and Education Account (PSEA) revenue requires an across the board reduction of at least 2.5 percent to PSEA supported programs. This item reduces PSEA funding for judicial information systems and judicial education programs.
8. **JURY SOURCE LIST TASK FORCE** – Provides \$10,000 for the jury source list task force to continue development of a methodology and standards for merging the list of registered voters with the list of licensed drivers and identicard holders to form an expanded jury source list for use in the state.
9. **AGENCY STAFF REDUCTION** – Combined with other staff reductions, provides for at least a 5 percent decrease in total agency staffing levels funded by the state general fund.
10. **PRINTING REDUCTION** – Reduces funding for printing costs from the state general fund.
11. **TRAVEL REDUCTION** – Reduces funding for travel costs from the state general fund.
12. **EQUIPMENT REDUCTION** – Reduces funding for equipment costs from the state general fund.
13. **REVOLVING FUND REDUCTION** – Reduces funding for various revolving fund charges.